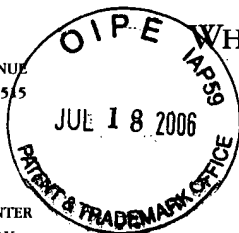


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE DATED APRIL 18, 2006**

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Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Response, including 3 drawing figures, to the Examiner's Response contained in the Notice of Allowance dated April 18, 2006.
2. Issue Fee Transmittal form.
3. Our check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the Issue Fee.
4. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to small entity status.

Also, please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).


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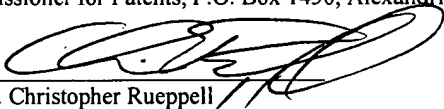
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